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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Uyen-Chau N. Le

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Response to communication(s) filed on 28 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Requesting Continued Examination (RCE)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Requesting Continued Examination (RCE) field 28 August 2003.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Satchell Jr. et al (US 5,822,216) in view of Peters (US 5,769,269).

Re claims 7-12, Satchell Jr. et al discloses a combined system of automatic selling of products and services for automatic vending comprising a first display 133; a plurality of products selection buttons [110-113/405-408] (figs. 1 and 4; col. 5, lines 56+) and a service selection push button 131 (fig. 1; col. 5, lines 60+); a main control circuit 400 (fig. 4); a service module comprising a second display 101; service operating means 160 including service operating buttons [120-122] and keypad 118 (fig. 1); service render means [116, 128]; collecting means [401-403]; an antenna 119 with satellite receiver 127 connected to the vending machine for providing an interactive service via network (fig. 1; col. 6, lines 12+).

Satchell Jr. et al fails to teach or fairly suggest that the vending machine is connecting to a telephone line; that the vending machine is enabled to simultaneously and independently operate dispensing products while the service included by the service module is being rendered.

Peters teaches a vending machine 30 connecting to a central station 20 via telephone communications line 48 (fig. 1; col. 4, lines 45-50); and the machine is enable to simultaneously and independently operate dispensing products (figs. 7A-8B; col. 17, line 51 through col. 18, line 59).

It would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a conventional telephone line as taught by Peters into the vending system of Satchell Jr. et al in order to provide a more feasible system (i.e., connecting to the internet network using a satellite disc is much more expensive than using a conventional telephone line). Furthermore, such modification would provide Satchell Jr. et al with a versatile system with the capability of dispensing product(s) to the customer/user while performing a rendered service, and thus eliminating unnecessary delay.

Conclusion


4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


The patents to Kraus et al (US 5,842,597) and Chandonnet (US 6,401,009) are cited as of interest and illustrate a similar structure to an apparatus and system of a combined system of automatic selling of products and services.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Uyen-Chau N. Le whose telephone number is 703-306-5588. The examiner can normally be reached on SUN, M, W, F 7:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL G LEE can be reached on (703) 305-3503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.


Uyen-Chau N. Le
November 13, 2003


DIANE I. LEE
PRIMARY EXAMINER